THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. India has filed its Revised Offer at the WTO on 12th August 2005, including improved offers in sectors where initial offers were made. Further improvements have been made to the initial offers in sectors such as Accounting and Book-keeping services, Engineering Services, Computer and related Services, Telecommunication Services, Construction and related Engineering Services, Financial Services, Tourism and Travel Services and Maritime Transport Services.

(c) to (e) Revised Offers are received by the members of the WTO through the WTO Secretariat. So far about 30 Member countries have filed their Revised Offers at the WTO. Submission of Offers is an ongoing process in the WTO under the Request-Offer approach followed in the negotiations on Trade in Services and will be finalised only when all Member countries reach an agreement on the commitments to be undertaken. All Revised Offers are conditional on the quality of the Offers of other member countries and can be withdrawn by any Member if it is not satisfied what the Offers made by its trading partners.

(f) India's core competence in services lies in export of services through cross border supply (Mode 1) and Movement of Natural Persons (Mode 4). Liberal commitments from our trading partners in these modes will provide us more effective market access in sectors of interest to us thereby enhancing our export of services through these modes. India is also likely to receive Foreign Direct Investment, particularly in infrastructural sectors, which will enhance our economic growth.

Import of wheat

2993. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United State Department of Agricultural has estimated that India may have to import one million tonnes of wheat; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Food and Agricultural Services (FAS) of US Department of Agriculture in

its monthly circular of July 2005 titled "Grain: World Markets & Trade" has stated that India is expected to import about one million tonnes of wheat for the first time in six years because of lower-carry-in stocks, rising consumption etc. Detailed report of FAS is available at www.fas. usda gov/grain/grain. asp.

PSUs being run in Chhattisgarh

†2994. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those public sector undertakings under the Central Government which are being run in the steel, coal petroleum and energy sectors in Chhattisgarh State;

(b) the names of the industries of these public undertakings to whom the status of subsidiary or ancillary industry has been given;

(c) the value of goods purchased by the units of these public sector undertakings located in Chhattisgarh and the value of goods out of the above purchased from ancillary industries after the formation of Chhattisgarh State; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Central Government to increase the percentage of purchases to be made from subsidiary industries; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of vegetable oil from Sri Lanka

2995. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Sri Lanka bilateral trade agreement envisages duty free import of specified products, vegetable oil like Vanaspathi;

(b) if so, the details of quantity of vegetable oil imported from Sri Lanka as per above treaty, as on today, category wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.